

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on March 26, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 689, 3/19/2007; HJ 8, 3/19/2007;
HJ 13, 3/19/2007
Executive Action: HB 739

00:01:03 Chairman Lind

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 739

00:03:26 Sen. Lind

00:05:06 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HB 739 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:05:27 Sen. Wanzenried to Sen. Lind

00:06:13 Sen. Lind

00:06:27 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that AMENDMENT HB073901.AJK #2, #3 BE ADOPTED.

Discussion:

00:07:26 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Wanzenried

00:09:22 Sen. Lind to Sen. Gebhardt

00:09:48 Sen. Perry to Sen. Lind

00:10:30 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED withdrew his motion on amendments for HB073901.ajk, #2 and #3.

Discussion:

00:10:50 Joe Kolman to Sen. Perry

00:11:27 Joe Kolman, LSD

00:11:44 Sen. Perry

00:11:49 Sen. Wanzenried

00:12:10 Sen. Lind to Sen. Wanzenried

00:12:26 Sen. Wanzenried

00:12:43 Sen. Gebhardt

00:13:39 Sen. Lind

00:14:29 Joe Kolman, LSD

00:15:23 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. PERRY moved that CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT TO HB 739 BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:15:57 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HB 739 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:16:19 Sen. Tropila

00:17:46 Sen. Kaufmann

00:18:11 Sen. Lind

00:18:34 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. WANZENRIED CALLED THE QUESTION ON HB 739. Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote with SEN. LIND and SEN. TROPILA voting no.

Discussion:

00:20:29 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Lind

00:22:10 Chair Sen. Tash

HEARING ON HB 689

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:25 **REP. ALAN OLSON (R), HD 45,** opened the hearing on **HB 689,** Revise solid waste management laws for electric generation facilities.

Proponents:

00:24:22 Steve Wade, Great Northern Properties

00:26:43 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

00:27:38 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 44 (IBEW)

00:28:00 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

Opponents:

00:28:44 Doug McRae, Rancher

00:33:15 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)

EXHIBIT (nas64a01)

00:40:10 Siri Smillie, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

00:42:55 Don Judge, Montana Sierra Club

Informational Testimony:

00:46:32 Edward Thamke, Manager of Waste Underground Division,
Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:25 Sen. Perry to Doug McRea, Rancher

00:50:23 Sen. Perry to Anne Hedges, MEIC

00:51:18 Sen. Perry to Edward Thamke, DEQ

00:52:47 Sen. Tash to Doug McRae, Rancher

00:56:37 Sen. Kaufmann to Ed Thamke, DEQ

01:00:56 Sen. Tash to Rep. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:49 Rep. Olson

HEARING ON HJ 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:24 **REP. GORDON HENDRICK (R), HD 14**, opened the hearing on
HJ 8, Resolution urging timber sale bonds.

Proponents:

01:11:53 Rep. Chas Vincent

01:18:56 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA);
also representing Don Allen, WETA; and Ellen Engstedt,
Montana Wood Products Association.

EXHIBIT (nas64a02)

01:24:24 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Users Association, MMUA

01:29:04 Sen. Curtiss

01:30:04 Sen. Tash

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:30:57 Jerry Meyer, Liaison for Montana Forest Service (MFS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:17 Sen. Kaufmann to Jerry Meyer, MFS

01:33:24 Sen. Kaufmann to Jason Todhunter, MLA

01:35:47 Sen. Tash to Jerry Meyer, MFS

01:38:44 Sen. Kaufmann to Jerry Meyer, MFS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:27 Rep. Hendrick

HEARING ON HJ 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:43:28 **REP. DUANE ANKNEY (R), HD 43**, opened the hearing on **HJ 13**, Encourage oil and gas development.

Proponents:

01:51:15 Tim Ravndal, MMUA

01:53:19 John Prinkki, Southern Montana Generation and
Transmission Cooperative, Inc.

01:55:32 Patrick Montalban, Northern Montana Oil and Gas
Association, also representing Don Allen, WETA

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:25 Sen. Ankney

Discussion:

01:58:04 Chair Sen. M. Tropila

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:40 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

GL/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas64aad.pdf](#))